

March 20, 2000

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To the Counsel:

This is a request to investigate a complaint regarding an improper contribution to a candidate for Federal office (U.S. Congress) by a committee whose sole purpose is "to elect Tom Berns for State Representative" in the state of Illinois. This was done by a radio ad and written materials that were mailed and massively distributed which are enclosed. The text of the radio ad is as follows:

"Hello, this is Tom Berns, reminding you to vote on Tuesday, March 21 for Tim Johnson for Congress and Tom Berns for State Representative. Together, we'll be your Republican team providing tax relief for our families, senior citizens and farmers. (Announcer): On election day, the voters of this district have an opportunity to support two candidates who will work together against higher taxes. Vote for tax relief: vote for Tim Johnson for Congress and Tom Berns for State Representative, your endorsed Republican team. Paid for by Tom Berns for State Representative."

These ads for congressional candidate Tim Johnson are made by a state committee which accepts corporate contributions and whose sole purpose stated in its filing with the State of Illinois is "to elect Tom Burns for State Representative." The committee is registered as Tom Burns for State Representative, P.O. Box 756, Urbana, IL 61803-0756, State ID 7571. This committee has not segregated its corporate contributions as required by law.

These ads and materials are considerably over \$1,000 in value, in violation of 100.7. There is no public notice that these communications are not authorized by the candidate or his authorized committee. These expenditures were made after the 20th day but more than 24 hours before the day of election but no report was filed as required under 104.4 and 109.2(b).

Submitted by the complainant

Joseph Whelan
Joseph Whelan
1717 Briarcliff Drive
Urbana, IL 61802

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 2000.



Kimm Allen
Notary Public

OUR REPUBLICAN TEAM:

**Tim
Johnson**

Congress

**Tom
Berns**

State Representative

Paid for by "Tom Berns for State Representative"

A copy of our report is (or will be) filed with the State Board of Elections, Springfield, IL.

**A message from
Former Mayor
Jeff Markland**

**POST OFFICE BOX 756
URBANA, ILLINOIS 61803-0756**

**PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
URBANA, IL
PERMIT NO. 28**

Mr. Gene Weisiger
305 E Michigan Ave # A
Urbana, IL 61801-5149

**Former Mayor Jeff Markland
reminds you to vote**

Tuesday, March 21, 2000



Tim Johnson

Republican for Congress



Tom Berns

Republican for State Representative

***" I believe that a Johnson / Berns team
would be great for our community!
Please vote on Tuesday, March 21st. "***

-Former Mayor Jeff Markland

Campaign Disclosure

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Contribution](#)[Expenditures](#)[Committee Totals](#)[Downloads](#)[References](#)**Tom Berns for State Representative****Purpose: To elect Tom Berns for State Representative**

PO Box 756

Status: Active 12/8/99

Urbana, IL 61803-0756

State ID: 7571

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A-1 (\$500+ 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 3/3/00 4:14:32 PM

Filed on paper

A-1 (\$500+ 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 2/28/00 6:00:00 PM

Filed on paper

A-1 (\$500+ 30 days prior) 2000 GP 1 Page(s)

Report Period: 2/21/00 thru 3/20/00

Received at: Springfield 2/25/00 3:45:45 PM

Filed on paper

D-2 Semi-Annual Report 3 Page(s)

Report Period: 7/1/99 thru 12/31/99

Received at: Springfield 1/26/00 10:33:41 AM

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Itemized Individual Contributions

Associated Professionals Inc. Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 2/16/00

275 S. Kaskaskia
Nashville, IL 62263

Busey Bank Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 1/18/00

201 West Main St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Dabrowski, John Individual Contribution
\$250.00 on 2/18/00

1908 Bentbrook
Champaign, IL 61820

Fleming, J. Robert Individual Contribution
\$200.00 on 1/19/00

8B Evergreen Circle
Savoy, IL 61874

Franzen Construction Inc. Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 1/25/00

1628 CR 1900E
Urbana, IL 61802

Friends of Lee Daniels Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 2/8/00

P.O. Box 33
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Gremley & Biedermann Inc. Individual Contribution
\$250.00 on 1/19/00

4505 N. Elson
Chicago, IL 60630

Hill, Richard Individual Contribution
\$200.00 on 1/29/00

1106 McHenry
Urbana, IL 61801

Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 1/18/00

1304 S. Lowell Ave.
Springfield, IL 62704

Illinois State Medical Society Individual Contribution
\$1,000.00 on 2/18/00

20 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60602

Khan, Shahid Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 1/22/00

1102 Welshire
Champaign, IL 61821

Knox, E. Phillips Individual Contribution
\$500.00 on 1/18/00

801 W. Vermont
Urbana, IL 61801

Kuhl, Dave Individual Contribution

101 Greencroft Dr. Champaign, IL 61820	\$200.00 on 1/13/00
Larson, Carl 411 E. Mumford Dr. Urbana, IL 61801	Individual Contribution \$200.00 on 2/1/00
Midwest Technical Consultants 1832 Centre Point Dr. Naperville, IL 60563	Individual Contribution \$200.00 on 2/8/00
Mills, Douglas 2123 Seaton Ct. Champaign, IL 61820	Individual Contribution \$250.00 on 1/13/00
MM Surveying 2824 W. Catalpa Chicago, IL 60625	Individual Contribution \$175.00 on 2/1/00
Monteith, Donald 8032 Ocean Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46240	Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/19/00
Oedifice Inc. 2105 Cypress Dr. Champaign, IL 61821- 5873	Individual Contribution \$250.00 on 1/22/00
Ohnstad, Dennis 2607 E. Main St. Urbana, IL 61801	Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/26/00
Parkhill, Bud 808 N. Prairie View Mahomet, IL 61853	Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/22/00
Rawles, Edward 6 Alice Dr. White Heath, IL 61884	Individual Contribution \$200.00 on 1/22/00
Zippodt, Charles P.O. Box 997 Coos Bay, OR 97420	Individual Contribution \$500.00 on 1/6/00